

**II. Amendments to the Specification**

Please insert the following paragraph before the heading "Field of the Invention".

**RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 10/056,890 filed January 24, 2002.

Please amend the Abstract of the Specification as shown below:

**ABSTRACT**

A method of forming a stator core assembly for an electric machine, for example, for an automotive alternator, which presents a rotating, alternating polarity magnetic field, the stator core assembly having an annular core defining an outside diameter, an inside diameter, and a plurality of radially projecting winding slots opening to the inside diameter but terminating short of the outside diameter, the core further defining a lead side and an opposite non-lead side. ~~The stator assembly includes a metal core with windings installed into slots of the core. A pair of conductors of a continuous form is used for each phase of the machine. The windings are interlaced to~~ method includes providing at least two electrical conductors designated as conductor A and conductor B and interlacing the conductors into the winding slots such that the conductors alternate between radially inner and outer positions in each adjacent winding slot of the stator core.